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EDITORIAL.

It is with sadness that I put pen to paper writing this editorial, with the loss of Diana, Princess of Wales. Many have shed tears over the past month or so at the loss of such a bright, young, elegant young lady who was taken from us in the prime of her life. It makes one stop and think, that it could and will happen to all of us one day. I remember the fitting tribute played by Elton John at the funeral service and especially when he sung the song containing the words 'Like a candle in the wind', and I thought that candles remind me of life itself, and how easy it is to put that light out. I will certainly miss the face of Diana, who brought so much light into peoples hearts and so much hope.....

Over the past few months, I have had serious problems in getting the newsletter out every month. So, as from this issue, the newsletter will be by-monthly, and 2 issues will be sent out together in one publication. This still means you as a subscriber / exchange still gets 12 copies per year, but every other month. I have been finding it rather a strain over the past few months, and as you have probably noticed, the newsletter has been rather late a couple of times. By going by-monthly, I will be able

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When Policemen see UFO's.....

to include different articles as well as longer ones. As per the monthly issue, you will get an average of 10 pages per issues (20 sides) for your subscription of £5 per year.

Also, this has been brought on by the lack of help from group members in helping with events etc. There are two 'active' members, who, over the past few years, have helped with either events or the newsletter. But more and more, I am having to do a monthly newsletter, organize group by-monthly meetings, as well outside lecturers and visits to conferences and sky-watches. At one point, I did consider closing the group and just becoming a UFO exchange / information group. But, as I am not

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one for giving up, I have decided that the newsletter has to be produced by- monthly to save my sanity as well as my marriage. As for future group events, I am giving this also serious consideration. We have a group visit to a conference in October, and so far, I have had 1 deposit (We need at least 20 people) for this, MINE !!!! If this happens not to go ahead, then I will **NOT** be organizing further visits and lecturers. The time has come for me to sit back and think how the group is going to progress over the next few years and at present, I can see the group folding within the next 2 years, purely because I am doing everything for the group. So, it, as the war motto went 'Your group needs **YOU** !!!!' or you won't have a group left. I am sorry that I have had to be so blunt, but you cannot run an organization on your own without some help from the workers.

Right, back to the real world, and in this edition we will be looking at Police officers who report UFO's, recent lectures given by the editor, press and Tv events that have rocked the UFOlogy world down to its routes ? and a whole host of other controversial events, news and views from the world of UFOlogy.... And I promise, no more pictures of the editor in this edition !!!!



WHAT THE PRESS HAD TO SAY IN MARCH 1996.

- 3.96 : Swindon Evening Advertiser : UFO sighting at spy base.
- 1.3.96 : Somerset County Gazette : Odd lights in sky caught on camera.
- 1.3.96 : Yorkshire Post : Twilight zone workers face 'cancer danger'.
- 2.3.96 : Burton Mail : Heavens above ! another sighting.
- 5.3.96 : Glasgow Herald : UFO councilor quits politics.
- 6.3.96 : Crawley & District Observer : Good lord - Jesus was the son of a spaceman !
- 4.3.96 : Dundee Evening Telegraph & Post : Mystery light calls.
- 7.3.96 : Chichester Observer : Here's your UFO !
- 7.3.96 : The Cornishman : UFO mystery solved.
- 7.3.96 : Wanstead & Woodford Guardian : 'UFO witnesses are down-to-earth people'.
- 7.3.96 : North Wales Weekly News : 'UFO' was light of love.
- 7.3.96 : Middleton & North Manchester Guardian : Town - seen UFOs probe.
- 7.3.96 : Western Gazette : UFO expert throws light on strange sights.
- 7.3.96 : Montrose Review : UFOs over Basin ?
- 8.3.96 : Somerset County Gazette : UFO group told of link with Mars.
- 8.3.96 : Somerset County Gazette : What have politics got to do with it ?
- 8.3.96 : Clacton Gazette : Clacton's UFO mystery on TV.
- 8.3.96 : Clacton Gazette : Lights mystery.
- 8.3.96 : Essex Chronicle : UFOs in Essex skies.
- 8.3.96 : Avon Advertiser : Unusual Sighting.
- 8.3.96 : Farnham Herald : 'UFO' follow-up.
- 8.3.96 : Southport Visitor : Mystery in the evening skies.
- 8.3.96 : Southport Visitor : Stranger than fiction.
- 9.3.96 : Rochdale Observer : No Headline.
- 10.3.96 : Sunday News & Star : The close encounter kept secret for 31 years.
- 12.3.96 : Halifax Evening Courier : Is there anyone out there ?
- 13.3.96 : Birmingham Evening Mail : UFO riddle.
- 14.3.96 : Dover Express : 'X-File' team to check on 'alien'.
- 14.3.96 : Brentwood Gazette : More strange sightings.
- 14.3.96 : Birmingham Evening Mail : 33 see strange flying object.
- 14.3.96 : Wigan Reporter : No Headline.
- 14.3.96 : Wigan Reporter : UFO Reporter.
- 14.3.96 : Billericay & Wickford Gazette : More strange sightings.
- 15.3.96 : Manchester Evening News : Close Encounters.
- 15.3.96 : Romford Recorder : UFO flies in over flyover !
- 15.3.96 : Solihull News : Gullibility or beliefs.
- 15.3.96 : Oldham Evening Chronicle : Object in the sky.
- 16.3.96 : Manchester Weekly News : Local 'alien' craft.
- 20.3.96 : Burton Trader : Aliens give us a miss.
- 20.3.96 : Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Reporter : Still more UFO reports.
- 20.3.96 : Northwich Guardian : Northwich's UFO boffins in TV documentary.
- 20.3.96 : Runcorn World : UFO boy on the box.
- 21.3.96 : Brighton & Hove Leader : UFO hunter called in after Doreen's close encounter.
- 21.3.96 : Wigan Reporter : No Headline.



- 21.3.96 : West Lancashire Evening Gazette : BAe and the UFO files...
- 21.3.96 : West Lancashire Evening Gazette : UFO probe.
- 21.3.96 : Oldham Evening Chronicle : The UFOs are flying much closer to home.
- 21.3.96 : Newmarket Weekly News : No Headline.
- 21.3.96 : Birmingham Metro News : It's life, but not as we know it.
- 21.3.96 : Lancashire Evening Post : It's an alien world !
- 21.3.96 : Birmingham Metro News : It's life, but not as we know it.
- 21.3.96 : Brecon & Radnor express : UFO fear for local family.
- 21.3.96 : Stoke-on-Trent Advertiser : Seeking answers for unexplained.
- 22.3.96 : Essex Chronicle : Mid-Essex is UFO hot spot.
- 22.3.96 : Southport Visitor : Not one, but two flying triangles.
- 22.3.96 : Tamworth Herald : UFOs - have you had a strange encounter lately ?
- 23.3.96 : Derby Evening Telegraph : Is anybody out there ?
- 24.3.96 : Knutsford Express Advertiser : Airport UFO mystery hits the TV screens.
- 27.3.96 : Northwich Guardian : We are not alone !
- 27.3.96 : Southport Visitor : UFO seen again.
- 29.3.96 : Sunderland Echo : The X-Files re-open.
- 29.3.96 : Somerset County Gazette : Wellington UFO riddle solved - a red giant star.
- 29.3.96 : Southend Evening Echo : Skywatch fans spot two UFOs.
- 29.3.96 : Southport Visitor : Stop this UFO baloney.
- 29.3.96 : Rossendale Free Press : UFO mystery solved.
- 29.3.96 : Rossendale Free Press : No Headline.
- 30.3.96 : Burton Mail : Spy base 'UFO'.
- 30.3.96 : North Western Evening Mail : UFO sightings over spy base.
- 30.3.96 : Western Mail : Secrets of the Paranormal (Tv Review).

LOCAL HAMPSHIRE ARTICLES.

- 3.96 : Portsmouth News : Question Time.
- 5.3.96 : Andover Midweek Advertiser : Listen - and all will be revealed.

CROP CIRCLE ARTICLES.

- 15.3.96 : Dorset Evening Echo : Probing mystery of crop circles.

WORLD ARTICLES.

- 27.3.96 : International Herald Tribune : No Headline. (Re-naming Alien highway).

NATIONAL ARTICLES.

- 3.3.96 : News of the World : Flying saucer scare at Balmoral.
- 9.3.96 : Daily Mail (Weekend) : So is there somebody out there, after all ?
- 10.3.96 : News of the World : Plane pair saw royal spacecraft.
- 24.3.96 : The People : SOS from randy aliens... Send Out Sex !
- 26.3.96 : Daily Telegraph : Call for radio hams to join alien search.
- 30.3.96 : The Independent : Alien visitors restore ghost town's spirit.
- 30.3.96 : Daily Mail : The MoD man and some close encounters.
- 31.3.96 : Daily Express : In just 20 years we will discover life beyond Earth.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

- 23.3.96 : Psychic News : Welcome to Extraterrestrials.
- 25.3.96 : Woman's Own : Have aliens landed in Britain ?



FORTHCOMING LECTURES FOR 1997.The First Ireland UFO Conference..Saturday 8th November 1997.10.00 am - 5.30 p.m.

Speakers Include :

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William 'Bill' Holden

Jenny Randles

Russell Callaghan.

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skywatches.

Well folks, time to update you on recent events at our sky watches. The August 23rd event was canceled due to weather conditions, and also only 1 person phoned up about the event. The skywatch planned for 12th September did not go ahead as we had no phone calls (one member did phone to say that he could not make it...) and our skywatch planned for the 27th September did not go ahead as again, no one phoned up to ask where we were meeting and the location for the skywatch.

Future group skywatches are in doubt at the moment and I feel that we may not be holding group skywatches in the future. We have since held a skywatch with 3 members attending which was arranged at the last minute. In the future, I will phone those of you who have shown an interest, and if anyone is interested, then please notify me of your phone number, and I will add you to the list of those who have shown an interest on coming on skywatches. A couple of us aim possibly to have a skywatch possible twice a month, sometimes on the weekend or during the week. If I plan to hold a 'group' skywatch, then I will publish it in forthcoming editions of the newsletter.

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NATIONAL ATTENTION FOR GALWAY GHOST.

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By its very name, SUFOG has always been, and will continue to be, interested in the reporting and investigation of UFO - related phenomena. However, Southern England, and these islands generally, are rich with other paranormal goings - on. Some members have an interest in such areas as psychic phenomena, earth mysteries, and, perhaps not surprisingly, reports of ghosts and poltergeists here in the Hampshire area and further afield. To reflect frequent requests from some members to pass on details of 'ghost' stories that come our way, this issues sees the reproduction of a feature sent to us by one of our exchange organizations, The Irish UFO and Paranormal Research Association, based in Dublin. The story told concerns the poltergeist haunting of a family living in a Galway City council estate, and how the terrifying events grabbed huge media attention in the entire country.

SUFOG will continue, rest assured, to be a UFO group, and the following article is one of what we hope to be an occasional series on paranormal phenomena. Whether this happens is entirely up to you, our members. So, please let us know what you think....

The early days of May 1997 will be long remembered by virtually everyone in the Republic of Ireland, whether or not they are open - minded about paranormal phenomena. The few who won't remember must neither read any newspapers nor listen to the radio ! For a couple of weeks, the nation's attention turned daily to the goings - on at Corrib Park, a council housing development on the fringes of Galway City. There, a family were being terrorized by an unseen force that seemed intent on driving them out of their home.

The eerie goings-on first came to public attention in the week beginning Monday, May 5th. Early that week a distressed Jackie Fahy rang the Gay Byrne radio show on RTE One radio. Despite the

stand - in presenter, Joe Duffy, lending a skeptical ear to Mr. Fahy's story, many listeners were apparently impressed by his sincerity. And thus began something of a national media free-for-all, which despite the media's undoubtedly good intentions, seemed to take on a life of its own and, in my opinion, did little to help the situation, and certainly discouraged IUFOGRA from becoming involved. The Fahy family KNEW their house was haunted, they didn't need us or anyone else to ascertain that fact for them. All they wanted was for the 'presence' to leave them alone.

Mr. Fahy told the radio presenter that unusual activity first began about eight months previously. A smell similar to rotting meat hung in the air. No source could be found, such as dead animals, spoiled food, gas leaks etc. At night time a strange, pulsating light - like a strobe - would flicker outside the windows, illuminating the rooms inside the house. Normally with such phenomena family pets react, but their pet dog seemed oblivious to what was happening, and didn't seem to notice at all. On returning from holidays he, his wife Esther, son Michael, daughter Martha, and her new-born child Sarah Louise found egg shells on the bedroom floor.

It is interesting to note that the activity's beginnings coincided with the birth of Sarah Louise. From studying reports of other poltergeist incidents in Ireland - including a disturbing case in Lixnaw, County Kerry, also involving a very young baby, it seemed the the energy was either directed towards the child in some way, or may have been the manifestation of 'nervous energy', perhaps arising from some conflict within the home, perhaps triggered by the arrival of the child into the family. It is important to stress that these were initial opinions only, and, not having met the the people involved, it would be inappropriate to promote either theory. From subsequent events, however, it would seem the first hypothesis is accurate.

On Thursday, May 8th, both the (Irish) Star newspaper and the main evening paper in Ireland, the Evening Herald, carried on the story, and it also became a focal point - since Tuesday the 6th - for phone in discussion on the Gerry Ryan show on RTE's 2FM channel. His program is a mixed bag of pop music and chat, with frequent forays into unusual areas of discussion, including the mid - July sightings of a UFO over West Dublin

and Tipperary, for which he interviewed Jenny Randles.

Both publications related how the family were at the end of their tether following month of haunting, which had recently intensified. The night before, in desperation, a mass was celebrated in the house by local priest father Malachy Hallinan. However, one of the neighbors present would not place a crucifix and a picture of Christ in the baby's room, as the floor was strewn with clothing, despite the fact that no one had been in the room. Indeed, the entire week had been a very disturbing experience. Footsteps could be heard when everyone was in bed on the Tuesday a neighbor had to duck to avoid being struck by a flying jug. Other occurrence's included the child's bedroom door being jammed shut, the toilet flushing by itself, clothes being found gathered into a pile, and a picture flying off a mantelpiece and smashing on the floor.

With public interest at its height, the Evening Herald decided to send in one of their journalists, Aileen Sheehan, to spend Thursday night in the house. As newspapers invariably ridicule the paranormal, it was quite a surprise - to believers and skeptics alike - to see her story occupying the front page of the Friday, May 9th, edition... and a sizable portion of pages two and three also. The "I FLED GHOST HOUSE" headline left little doubt that a once - skeptical reporter was now seriously re-thinking her views on such phenomena ! She reported how several inexplicable occurrences had left her anxiously counting the minutes to dawn. Some people had speculated that the family either had extremely active imaginations or they were looking for the sort of publicity that would ultimately find them a new home. After one night on a vigil in their house, she dispelled the notion. Another point to be stressed here is that the Fahys had lived in their house for 25 years and were buying it from the council - hardly the behavior of people wishing to leave. Events that occurred while everyone's whereabouts were accounted for include : a life-size ceramic dog smashing itself on the floor. Despite falling from a 2 inch high plinth, it was in smithereens.... a Tv set moving itself... a religious picture on top of it now lying face down... a wall picture tilting at an angle.... and a baby dress somehow removing itself from a wardrobe and being found on the floor several yards away.

Other unexplained events included in the

haunting were a coffee table up-turning itself, a baby being heard crying upstairs when Sarah Louise was downstairs with the family, and, something which also indicated strongly the presence of an other-worldly child, Sarah Louise's toys being found on the floor arranged in a circular pattern, as though a child had been kneeling and playing with them.

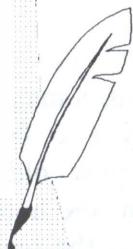
The possibility that the family's baby may have been acting as a magnet for a spirit child could be supported by two factors. Firstly, everyone, apart from 25 year old Michael and a friend, stayed away from the house on Friday night, May 9th. On Saturday, the reported to the Herald that all had been quiet. Also, the family had come to expect something odd to happen by watching the baby. She would become restless and upset when something was about to happen, and they noticed how she was looking at something else in the room at these times - something no one else could see, apparently. It was quite obvious that Sarah Louise's presence in the house was the key to the events going on.

On Sunday May 11th, well-known Dublin psychic, Sandra Ramdhanie, paid a visit to the family, and performed a ceremony to cleanse the house of any troubled spirits that lingered there. Ms Ramdhanie has been called in on several such situations and in all cases - including this one, thankfully - the haunting ceased straight away. We in IUFOFRA's committee met her some time ago, and she told us of a situation in Lixnaw, County Kerry - mentioned earlier - that was very similar to the Galway case. It too involved a new baby, and a baby or small child whose own life had been tragically cut short. Her impression of the Galway ghost was of a murdered baby. She felt that the child was born to a nun, and smothered immediately. Naturally, such a scenario would warrant police attention but in this situation, if correct, it happened too long ago.

Finally, it was reported on May 26th that a film crew from ITV had just finished a weekend of filming at the house, for the 'Strange But True?' programme. The Galway story is due on air in October.

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REVIEWS
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Taking some of the pressure off of our Editor Steve. I hope to present short cuts from bigger cuttings I save from my own daily and weekend papers and others sent in :

Beginning with the **Daily Mail** of August 14th which in a full page article on a new book, "sharing the Universe" by a Dr. Seth Shostak, 'one of the worlds leading physicists and astronomers' (it says here!) There are one thousand planets in our own galaxy that could have 'super smart' beings way in advance of our us, with millions more out in the Milky Way ! He says !

And so on ! NOWHERE does this lad mention ANYTHING about the possibilities... or should I say the FACTS ?... that "they" are so advanced to be already here ! Which we know ! Typical ego and blinkered research.

The Daily Mail (again !) ran a three day excerpt from Ian Wilson's latest book on "Life After Death" which has connections with UFOlogy... partly from those OOB and abductions and also it pans Susan Blackmore for her cannabis

experiments as a student, trying to dismiss actual events... about time ! Those of us involved in Out of the Body and Abductions will be aware of the similarities in any case... but a very useful book I'd say.

The Independent On Sunday ran a letter from someone who 'did not believe in "flying saucers" or Indian miracle men but who went on to decry 'doctors and scientists who never read any of the published works' on alternative medicine, which he DID believe in ! What a funny feller ! If you see my point ! I wrote a short pungent reply !

The Independent On Sunday .. again .. also had Tv critic David Aaronovitch praising TV's Equinox which put the spotlight on the paranormal, he too thought that Uri Geller is about as clever as a good conjurer, and that all of us that loved UFO's and crop circles must have a strong desire to love hoaxers ! Note your intrepid reviewer got two pages off on that ! It is a fact that skeptics earn a good living by knocking all and sundry, twisting the facts to suit, as Equinox did too, carefully leaving out that which didn't suit !

The Daily Mail ran an almost double page on a "Bumper Crop of Circles" in its Sunday 31st August issue... splendid photos.. the words to go with mainly concerned with the dosh being made out of it by landlords of B 'n B's, pubs, farmers, pilots, etc etc, only a tiny part devoted to the sage remarks of Lucy Pringle... 'beings from a parallel world'... coach tour operator Roney Wyeth (where DO they get such names from?) says they arent caused by crop spraying, UFO landings, or love-making hedgehogs... so there, chuckle chuckle at us UFOlogists !

by 'greys' in a domed craft, 'when the abduction was over all Penelope could remember was lots of questions about Overeaters Anonymous!'... one 'grey' had an enormous pot belly !

The Daily Mail carried a "Why MIB is no fib"... on August 13th, a spin off from the Men in Black film, featuring that "spaceman" over little girl photo of 1964 and UK Skeptics saying the MIB are linked to 'paranoid schizophrenia' and UFO's and abductions 'not very convincing'.. they WOULD, wouldn't they ?

Weekly World News did 2 whole pages on "Beyond Roswell" scenario complete with 'laser firing UFO hunts dinosaurs' and says 'watch your step and behavior or else !' .. too late ? Never know whether to laugh or cry at that paper... no doubt some truth among the "way out" stuff !

London Evening Standard... I picked this up on a train !.. reviews new film Event Horizon on August 18th .. a fifth dimension plot that swaps Hell for our "False Gods" we worship, such as.. wait for it !.. poltergeists, ESP, OOB's, prophecies, New Age, Et's and even homeopathy and Uncle Tom Cobley and all ! If you wanna be terrified, says columnist Andrew Billen, who said he was, go and see it !

The Telegraph of September 5th has an article headed "X-File Britain puts faith in the irrational".. a survey that showed one in seven believed that abductions by aliens are possible, turning away from "science" and taking up the paranormal, and alternative medicine etc.

The Daily Mail covers the same survey on September 5th with big headline asking "Does half of the country really believe in UFO's ?"

and goes on to show that YES !, with some new UFO video footage WE DO ! 50% believe in from Germany that went down well telepathy, and 45% in ghosts, and with those who attended the that "THE TRUTH IS OUT meeting. THERE" as per Scully and Mulder!

The Southampton Advertiser did Totton College and the local UFO interest proud on the 4th September with a double page half spread on the UFOlogy Course beginning again in the autumn.. your Editor and I shared a shortish talk at the previous course final night... they have a super collection of books to study ! Article illustrated with that "still" from "Mars Attack" (yuk !) and that infamous alleged UFO photo in the Daily Echo of 1978 ! (Yuk again !).

The Daily Telegraph of September 11th had that rather odd, if sad, account,.. of the eighty year old Ringwood man who was murdered by some idiot while he searched the night sky for a 'strange cluster of lights' in an 'unusual night sky', with his binoculars. The second time he had spotted those 'mysterious lights'. His assailant, fortunately, was arrested and is being charged with the mans death.

14th September : SUFOG Group Meeting :

This was the Bi-Monthly meeting of the group held at our usual venue. As usual, the same familiar faces attended the meeting which number 7 in total, and unfortunately 2 members were unable to attend the meeting. We had the usual first 30 - 45 mins of myself updating the group with recent UFO sightings (See next month for updates) and details about future events. The second half of the meeting was taken up

At this meeting, I informed the members that the newsletter was to be published bi-monthly, with 2 issues being contained in one issue. Also, due to the small numbers that attend the meetings, we decided to put meeting fees up to £2 per meeting, which was agreed to by all those who were in attendance. This is to cover the cost of the hall and to give the group a bit more money in the groups building society account. We also decided to try and obtain a second-hand video player for the group for around £30 - £40 pounds. But to date (25th September), I have been unable to obtain one. I also informed everyone, that on Sunday the 2nd November Mr. Paul Vigay will be giving us a lecture. He is an independent UFO researcher, who will be talking about his research. The meeting will run from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., with video's, audio tapes and magazines on sale and I will be showing new video footage. Ticket prices for this event would be £3.50.

16th September - Talk given to National Women's Register meeting.

I asked by Mr. Dennis Plunkett of the British Flying Saucer Bureau if I could go along to the above group on his behalf, as he was asked to give the group a talk, but it was too far away for him to attend. I was more than happy to do this, and both myself and Mr. Ernie Sears went along. We headed off into the crimson night and following the map we were provided, we went over 4 roundabouts that were not

on the map, we were lost, so we drove on and finally found the road we wanted and arrived at the location some 30 mins too early.

So, we decided we had to wet our larynx before the talk, so we found a local hostelry to kill time.

We arrived at the talk at a private dwelling, and were warmly greeted at the door. Some 30 Mins later, there were 10 ladies in attendance. There were also 2 husbands, who were allowed to stay and listen to the talk, which is not a normal practice and one of the couples were celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary on this day, but still came along to the talk.. The evening went very

well, with me talking about a local case from the 1980's and showing some video footage and Ernie spoke of his experiences. At 10.20 p.m. , we stopped because normally the speakers stopped at around 10 - 10.30 p.m., we were asked a number of questions, and suddenly it was 11 p.m. !!! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and although one lady seemed to drift in and out of consciousness (It was hot in the room.... !!!), both I and Ernie felt that the evening went very well. We climbed back into the old jalopy and headed home at around midnight, both of us mentally exhausted, one due to the journey, two due to the many questions that we were asked and three, I think that earlier pint of beer was starting to take effect....

One minor disappointing thing about this, was the fact that we missed sighting the full eclipse of the moon... Oh well, you cannot win them all I suppose, better luck next time....

**Television and Radio
Reviews by
Steve Gerrard..
15th August -
15 October 1997**

There is not much to review this month as there have been no programs of note to actually review. There was the usual look at the paranormal on Sightings on the Sci-Fi channel (most of them being repeats and reviewed in previous editions of the newsletter). Also, the Why files carried a couple of new programs, but many were repeats yet again.

1st September - Sightings :

UFO report - Mysteries of the Earth.

5th September - Magic and Mystery Show :

UFO over Norfolk.

9th September - Sightings :

Men In Black (Repeated program).

10th September - Sightings :

Mass Sightings - Mexico 1991.

11th September - Sightings :

Encounters In Space.

Marfa Lights.

SETI Update.

12th September - Sightings :

Physical Effects - Vicki Landrum Interview.

13th September - Sightings :

Surveillance.

Contact : Anza (California).

The Uninvited (Kecksburg, Pennsylvania - 1965).

15th September - Sightings :

Alien's Among us. (Interview with David Jacobs, Budd Hopkins and Phil Klass).

22nd September - Sightings :

UFO Films & Phobos 2 Update.

22nd September - The Why Files :

Area 51 and Rendlesham Forest.

23rd September - Sightings :

Scranton UFO Mystery.

Fire in the Sky.

23rd September - The Why Files :

Welsh UFO Crash.

24th September - Sightings :

Mass Abductions.

24th September - The Why Files :

Men on the Moon - Did man really go to the Moon was the questions asked here.. but who's fooling who ?

29th September - Sightings :

Crop Circles & Russian Ufology.

29th September - Mysterious West :

This consisted of interviews with members of the Aetherious Society on the bleak Moors and the way they channel their prayers to save/heal the world (It appears so far to have had little effect since the group appeared in the 1950's...).

9th October - Earthscan :

Matthew Williams.

13th October - Earthscan :

Larry Warren & Peter Robbins.

13th October : Earthscan :

Elsie Oakenden (Repeated program).

14th October : Earthscan :

Michael Lindemann (Repeated program).

5th September - BBC Radio Solent :

This featured group member Steve Ryder, who was interviewed regarding the UFO course at Totton college that he is involved in and is one of 3 lecturers on the course. A short, 10 min interview that looked at the course in general. For those of you interested in the course, contact the editor at the editorial address for more information.

Twenty Two magazines this issue from Steve, our kind editor... the sum total of my reeling senses leaving the feeling that SURELY the UFO pot cannot go on "boiling" like it is without the lid blowing off... and that's even believing the believable !

Global UFO Magazine's : June/ July 1997 :

50 year "anniversary" issue with a Sussex source is beautifully printed and possesses "branches" countrywide, contributing to articles in it's "Quest for Truth" No fancy or hard to decipher colored pages, simple black on white, covering research into - the 1996 pictograms, Worldwide Global update, space exploration, new airforms and propulsion systems, Stealth Black operation programs, some local Isle of Wight sightings of ever increasing such, Top secret (how do they get it ?) 580 Security Group set up by Mrs. Thatcher as a "quick response" unit... NINE PAGES ! Stephen Greer's determined efforts to force a UFO debate into the open of the US Congress. No price for this excellent bi-monthly mag visible, but contact Global UFO Magazine at Unit 4, The Modern Moulds Business Center, Harwood Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 7AU. Tel : 01903 722727 (Day) or 01903 2466553 (Evenings).

Awareness : Vol 22, No 1, June 1997 :

From the Contact International UFO Research Organization.. promoters of the Oxford area Conference of last year and to which we have a coach going again... small but entirely readable print, handy pocket size. "Paranormal activity" hits the group investigators... and why



not? Once you get "involved" doors open, minds are expanded, "contact" is made ! Sighting reports from the Oxford area, painstakingly investigated, mostly "airships" but a few NOT ! Weird Australian "abduction", 1996 Crop Circles. The Roswell incident related again ! But many "new" UFOlogists will be interested ? Heavens Gate suicides. Roy Dutton's interesting interpretation of "trance" messages, a surprise ! that East Anglian October 1996 incident. My own MP asking questions on that... see later ! £9 for 4 issues, £14 for 8, from PO Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL.
Southend UFO Group :
No 6 July 1997 :

Subtitled THE S FILES, well produced, unusual cover, short review of 50 years of UFOlogy, very interesting radio report with Dr. Steven Greer on his "openness" attempts in the USA, those Arizona sightings, still "unexplained", another "asteroid" companion to the Earth/Moon system... those ice cubes from space... that Essex UFO report turned out to be an eighty foot sewage lid being transported by road ! Ugh ! Magazine £1.50 from 22 Woodfield Park Drive, Leigh On

Sea, Essex SS9 1LW.

Skysearch : No 8 July 1997 :

Is a well produced glossy style mag, black on white printing, Gary Lanham on those underground facilities (HERE !) possible engineering (HERE !) and such... Part two of the Geomagnetic Connection... RAF Sightings... Lucy Pringle on circles... the Harmonic Convergence of July 1997, all that "awareness" stuff, shifts... ascension, etc, don't knock it, but study it, experiment... a 1996 Missing Time event in Sussex... dramatic sighting near Brighton March 1997... and more. Subs are £9.00 for 4 issues per year, or £2.30 for a sample issue, from Skysearch, Po Box 2507, Saltdean, Brighton, BN2 8NE.

UFO Reality :

The BIG ONE !.. Jon King's growing, bawling, baby ! Firm denials (surprise !) from NASA on the mags recent "exposures" of moon landing anomalies and "alien" spaceships etc there.. rebuttals by King even firmer ! That GCHQ "cover-up", see later.. Double page of 1997 crop circles... depressingly familiar !.. Underwater warfare (?) in Puerto Rico.. opening of Japanese Space and UFO Museum, brave little devils indeed, or maybe open minded Government ?.. gripping coverage and photos of those Arizona "lights", STILL denied by authorities... Dennis Plunkett on 50 years of UFOlogy, my first "club" !... Bob Dean answers critics... much much much more ! At £2.85 per issue a snip, from shops or PO Box 1998, Glastonbury, Somerset, BA6 8YB.

OVNI : July 1997.

Omar Fowler's regular bi-monthly, those Flying Triangles,

USA TODAY magazine item... triangle sightings, Essex, Essex 1989, Banbury 1988.. Heaton Moor "close encounter" by family and two pilots June 1st, this year ? ... vast triangle, simulated photo, that Arizona incident again... latest from Gulf Breeze etc. Ovni price £1 per copy, monthly, from 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9HR.

Alien Magazine :

By The Irish UFO Network.. clearly printed, neat, production, more "triangle" encounters over Britain... remote viewing and those greys, Martians, etc, amazing statements... 1994 article by USA nuclear scientists covers several pages of stunning "alleged" evidence on cover - ups, 8,000 ground troops and quarter mile long UFO, 'many photos taken but confiscated'.. West Cork, Ireland, sightings.. Phew ! no price, publication dates etc. Irish UFO Network, 153 Stapolin Lawns, Baldoye, Dublin 13.

UFO Magazine :

Four Dollars fifty from America !... very professionally printed etc... those "selected witnesses" a la Steven Greer of CSETI again, congressional spokesmen say some UFO photos etc could be of 'unusual looking aircraft' and if so, they have a 'secrecy problem' gone haywire ! What next ! More new mutilations in the Mojave desert.. the truth (?) behind debunker Donald Menzel's double life... that genesis Three video demolished (?) by state of the art expert !.. good Q and A article with C.D.B.Bryan of "Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind" tome.. excellent review of Michael Craft's "Alien Impact" book... ditto on Strieber's "The Secret School". Subtitled

"preparation for Contact". Still, gripping article, worth several reads ! Plus "The Day After Roswell" by Col. Philip J Corso no less.. a smoking gun or disinformation ?... and much more from UFO magazine, 8123 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland, California 91040 if you are that way !

UFOMEK : No 19 1997 :

Is the East Kent magazine of the UFO MONITORS EAST KENT.... issue 19 covers Fortean Times Unconvention and as expected trots out the skeptics and such, Wiseman, Klass, etc although I don't THINK Jenny Randles comes under that label, maybe down to earth and practical... but allows abductions happen here and with different species worldwide !... Gosh ! Bo AND Peep alias the Hale Bopp suicide cultists again, please let 'em rest in peace wherever !.. that Arizona 'mile wide' craft again, no answers... the first IUFOMEK Kent Conference went very well.. Tony Dodd at London Quest International UFO Conference on that B52 bomber contact with a UFO in Vietnam that was covered up.. set on fire in fact, to destroy evidence ! Nicely produced mag, much more than space for here, £1.50 form Iveydene, WinghamWell Road, Bramling, Kent, CT3 1NN. Can't find any mention of periodicity !

Down To Earth : No 1 July 1997 :

Is the first issue of the ELUFON magazine.. alias the Essex and London UFO Network.. good thinking Editorial.. articles include, all nicely printed : East London Skies and what's in them... ancient sites, ley lines,

"doorways" for open contact with ET's... sowing family genes, i.e. : hybrid alien / human breeding... one picture gave my tall, slim lady with the elongated eyes and very long hair a shock !... 1996 encounter of "alien" craft and helicopters, phoned questions to MoD's Miss K.Philpott got some smartly fielded answers, or excuses ! and the almost standard written reply ,no defense significance'... Sightings and crop circle reports worldwide.. no price listed for this interesting mag so far but try Aaron Anderson (a Nordic ?) 290 Chase Cross Road, Collier Row, Romford, Essex RM5 3XR.

Alien Encounters : No 15 August 1997 :

Is another in the big glossy commercially produced and contains much in it's 84 pages.. the Truth about the Men in Black !... that Conisbrough photo of THREE "scoutships" vouched for, eh ?... Anomalies on the Moon photos we didn't see !... Australian UFO photos, two pages, look remarkably like time exposures... still !... two good letter sections... New Mexico's Governor says Roswell "alien craft crash" happened !.. this mag a bargain at £2.99 from the shops.

FINALLY !... Robin Cole's self financed exposure of a GCHQ cover-up of that October 1996 East Anglian incident which details the reports from several authorities and the "solutions" by the MoD and government Communications HQ answers of it's own involvement. Well worth adding to your files. Interesting 'cos my own MP's efforts on my behalf got virtually the same letter from the Under Sec. of State for Defense, John Spellar, MP.. ongoing after "Venus" (!) and

“unusual weather” answer ! cost £3.95 plus 40p postage from Robin Cole, The Flat, Sheldon, Battledown Approach, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL52 6RA.

Enigma :

Is always an interesting pocket sized magazine, Paul Vigays', this issue covers, almost entirely, the crop circle enigma, spiritual growth, that ongoing and dramatic HAARP Government Project using Tesla's technology updated to include “death rays”, atmosphere “changes”, cover-ups of ozone damage, fictionally blamed on CFC gasses, much more, based on what we know and what we can know ! Worth the £8 for four issues for the crop circle accounts alone.. from 104 Manners Road, Southsea, Hants, Po4 0BG, available on Internet. Tel : 01705 871530.

Malta UFO Research :

For July 1997 is almost entirely devoted to “historical” UFO sightings and encounters with aircraft from WW2 days onwards up to the Roswell “explanations” by the American USAF of recent date, which only caused gales of laughter and speculation as to “why” ? Those “older” encounters formed the basis of modern UFOlogy and are MORE IMPORTANT than many current such, often ignored by “newcomers” (and by skeptics, thankfully !). Interesting reproduction (accurate, we hope !) of those Roswell wreckage “symbols”. Contact Po Box 14, Rabat RBT 01, Malta GC. No price given.

Dragon Watch :

For August 1997 is, so Editor Anthony Barcello tells me, the last but one issue, in a personal letter he wrote ... ‘The mag has

come to the end of it's natural life'... sad, really, since Dragon Watch fills a necessary gap and covers the deeper aspects of UFOlogy, unafraid of corn, or, I might even say, that “other reality” that we need to enter. Reviews of Larry Warren's “Left at East Gate” book by Malcolm Robinson and yours truly are very similar I am pleased to say, although my geographical knowledge, or lack of, committed those strange “coincidences” I encountered after receiving the book to Norfolk whereas should have been Suffolk, thus even more strange ! Another Hale-Bopp article on that questionable “companion”... Flying Triangles by Lionel Beer.. Dr. Colin Ridyard offers to get questions asked for you in Parliament, is the pressure growing ? Anglesey Sightings, strange nuclear plant effects on vehicles... the magazine is only £2 per issue from 29 Ovington Terrace, Llandaff, Cardiff, CF5 1GF, get that proposed last issue NOW !

Jersey UFO Research Team :

Publishes “The Caller” issue number 3... For August 1997.. aimed at ‘creating more UFO interest in the Channel Islands’. Editor Kevin Giannomi slates that Strange But True Tv prog. as a ‘farce’, he MAY be right but personally I thought it brought the subject to millions of viewers of different persuasions and showed up those skeptics for what they really were.. ignorant of the FACTS ! Not PERFECT by any means but we've come a long way since 1947.. or even before ! A 1969 sighting over Guernsey in detail... the magazine review covers Quest Publications “The Unopened Files”.. plus the Cornwall UFO Research Group goes on. Check with “The Caller” editorial staff at

14 John Le Quesne Close, St Clement, Jersey, JE2 6NJ for price etc...

OVNI :

For August 1997 comes in a brilliant fluorescent yellow cover.. editor Omar Fowler does a splendid hatchet job for starters on the debunkers of yesteryear, and today and I can relate to his closing words about the ‘jigsaw coming together’ and the picture being revealed ‘disquieting for us all’.. although being the eternal optimist I might add that it's up to us and maybe having a bit more of the jigsaw my former disquiet has been abated to acceptance ! Interesting sightings from Avon area and in article from The Gazette and Herald.. Gulf Breeze update.. Nottingham charity Shopping Mall Exhibition, update too ; Mexico.. Arizona.. Irish “alien” encounter of SAS !.. etc .. usual well printed mag, priced economically at £1 per month from 94 The Circle, Sinfen, Derby, DE24 9HR. Tel : 01332 761464.

UFO Magazine :

Is the big 76 page glossy, Graham Birdsall's well produced popular read.. the Sept/Oct issue no exception, with Kent Jeffrey's dismissal of the Roswell “crash” !.. I'm very doubtful of this, surely it does NOT prove that “ET” or “interdimensional” or whatever craft DO NOT, nor have they ever EXISTED ! There are OTHER more believable incidents. Would Kent Jeffrey agree ? Seems in this long article he DOES ! UFO Mag also covers that TV Aspel broadcast.. an American covert spaceship.. Kevin Randles “defense” of Roswell.. strange denial by Belgian authorities of those 1990

triangular craft !, 'was that Loflyte Waverider... immediately denied by the craft's manufacturer ! .. square one again !.. hey, get this issue, only £2.25 in the better shops !

Alien Encounters :

at £2.99 rivals the above ! .. Editor Nina Pendred spotlights those "fairy tales" by our MoD and the Americans and the Big Brother aspects of keeping us "mis-informed"... that Philadelphia Experiment again, ongoing ?.. that Oliver's Castle UFO creating crop circle a scam.. why ?.. what berks !.. world sightings.. MoD Military X-Files.. Nick Pope kept in the dark ?... daft advert for new "game" !.. Roswell debris analyzed !.. Australian UFO's.. 1977 Farnborough "crash" and vanishing "aliens" ? .. Linda Moulton-Howes incredible UFO info session at Kirkland Air Base.. well worth buying, in the shops !

Visitors and UFO Reporter :

Editor Nigel Mortimer, pretty well produced although.. sorry !.. like others, those spelling and grammar errors detract from the quality here and there !... this July 1997 issue covers that Zigmund Jan Adamski death under strange circumstances at Todmorden (area of Alan Godfrey's close encounter and time loss), a long overdue in depth examination, full of "coincidences", as if to say "wake up at the back there" !. Larry Warren's talk at Morley, 'a man standing up for UFO truth' ? it says !... that Ilkley Moor "entity" photo, coincidence, that "ley" bit ?.. I know of others personal to me !... book NOW for "Ilkley Moor" tours !.. etc etc. Priced at £1.75 or £6 for four issues from 5,

Stocks Hill, Menston, Ilkley, Nr Leeds, W. Yorkshire, LS29 6ND.

Welsh Federation of Independent Ufologists :

Can't make much out of that !, by founder editor Margaret Fry very nicely printed 16 pager.. co-ordinated by other Welsh noted investigators... January to September issue.. that Berwyn 1974 alleged by witnesses "UFO" crash "forecast" by Army Units 3 days before ?.. 'meteor' said authorities.. Author Peter Paget and investigator Randall Jones Pugh (an early correspondent of mine) both mentioned, Randall now 82 ! I'm catching up ! Dr Colin Ridyard offers MoD documents and information.. Parliamentary Questions again.. Keep it up !, agitate for that "delayed" Freedom of Information Bill too.. Matthew Williams on that "play it down" 1965 MoD document.. Jenny Randles "Alien Contact" book reviewed.. "dead" aliens taken to Porton Down ? No price for the mag, anywhere unless our Editor knows ! Contact Margaret Fry at Fry's Croft (where else ?) Llangernyw, Conwy, LL22 8PS.

Abduction Watch 1 :

Subtitled a monthly communication, 'more Scully than Mulder.. more anger than sorrow!'.. apt, 'cos it's another of Kevin Mclure's lengthy diatribes at Ufologists. Famous, infamous, and, like me, fortunately, almost completely unknown and ignored ! Nick Pope, hypnotic regression, Tony Dodd, those of us who have been 'physically touched', (wanna see the scars, Kev ? can we demonstrate our "healing", mediumship, and other "altered states" ? etc etc ?) and we don't CARE wether our spoken or written word is "believed",

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The Mexican Wave.

Since 1991 there has been hundreds of sightings of stranger aerial objects in the skies above Mexico. There has even been some incredible photos and film footage to go with it.

The first "Major" encounter happened on July 7, 1991 when 4 police officers were traveling from the town of Pueblo to Atlitxco. At 8.00 Pm they were near an area called "El Mirador Heights" and they noticed an array of orange, blue, green and red lights hovering near his car. They thought it was Contrabandista aircraft. They could not remember hearing any sound. The police officers took a photograph which shows a strange disc shaped object with lights around the side.

Only four days later on July 11th 1991 a silver UFO silently floated beneath the "Eclipsing" sun. This UFO was filmed from 7 different locations.

Later on that year Dr. Carlos Perez took a picture of a big ball of light in Zacatelco, Tlaxcala.

On 15 March 1992, Julio Orozio got a photograph of a "Day Light Disc" over the town of Guadalupe.

One of the strangest and clearest photos was taken by Hector Carranza on 15 June 1992, at Tulancingo, Hidaigo. The object is a yellow disc with what can be described as 2 "Wheels" on its underside.

On 1st January 1993 3 UFO's hovered over a busy motor way in Mexico City for "4 Hrs", all the traffic came to a halt as thousands of fascinated people watched this amazing event.

(Editor..... SG)

WHEN POLICEMEN SEE UFO'S.....



Having been employed by reliable". Hampshire Police as a civilian operator for 11 years and being a Special Constable for the past 10 yrs, the police force has been somewhat a major part of my life. The following article looks at a range of police sightings from the 1960's to date.

1960's - The Start.

The Sun newspaper of 21st September 1966 reported a Southampton man seeing an object dropping red, white and blue flares as it hung in the sky. A 'Z-Car' was sent and the crew reported an object, motionless, flashing red, white and blue lights and dropping colored 'flares', no sound. It vanished after moving off at a terrific speed.

In both the Sun newspaper and the Daily Mirror dated 16th August 1967, 2 police officers, at 12.43 am in Liverpool Rd, Hindley, Lancashire saw an object at high altitude, heading East at fast speed and round in shape. The object moved across the sky in 2 minutes. According to an inspector, "Both men are very

One of the most impressive sightings that I have come across, was in 1967, on the 24th October 1967, at 04.10 am to be exact. All the national newspapers, the Sun, Daily Mirror, and the Daily Telegraph run with the story. This is how the story appeared in the Daily Mirror 25th October 1967.

Two police officers yesterday described a strange glowing object which they saw in the sky. They told how the object seemed to lead their patrol car on a fantastic game of tag along country roads.

Constable Roger Willey, 29, who was driving the patrol car, said : "It was star-shaped and I would say it was bigger than any aircraft".

He went on : "It was traveling about tree-top height over wooded country side at Brandis Corner, near Holsworthy, Devon". The time : about 04.10 am : "We drove towards it and it moved away. It then led us on a chase as if it was playing a game with us".

The other policeman, Constable Clifford Waycott, 33, said : "I have never seen anything like it before. It glowed brightly".

The "Chase" ended at Oakhampton, Devon, where two other policemen saw the object, before it disappeared from sight.

Constable Willey said : "I definitely got the impression that it was keeping observation on us. But, at the same time, it didn't want us to get too close".

The officers estimated that they followed the object for about 30 miles as it doubled back and forwards along the road.

Daily Mirror science reporter Arthur Smith writes : "The "UFO" was probably the planet Venus, which rose above the horizon at about the same time".

The following day, in the Daily Telegraph, crews of 4 police cars in different parts of Sussex made independent reports of 'A bright moving object'.

1970's - More Sightings.

Again, we saw a number of police officers reporting alleged UFO sightings and even the odd abduction ! According to the Daily Mail on the 18th July, 1977, P.c. Peter Frost was to encounter a

UFO on 17th July. P.c. Ford, 35, wet). It wasn't until some time in Chelmsford reported seeing a white cigar object, hovering over the village of Arkesden, nr Saffron Walden. It was at 13,000 ft and very big. Also, at about the same time, 20 miles away, a women saw a similar object.

In the Sun newspaper of the 25th March 1982 there was the story of 2 patrolling police officers who started a national security alert - after spotting a mysterious object in the sky.

The MoD ordered a top level inquiry into the yellow lozenge-shaped UFO humming and hovering over Milton Keynes, Bucks at 04.35 am. Sgt. Ian Victory and P.c. Anthony Underwood saw the object flashing red and blue lights. The sighting was also reported by a milkman who saw the object at the same time with the policemen.

Late 1982, saw a report in the Daily Express (dated 24th September) of 2 policemen who's saw a UFO that 'Put the wind up' them. P.c. Simon Hoder and P.c. Tim Banks were in Monmouth, Gwent at the time. At 04.00 am they reported an object whizzing about the sky, "flickering blue and white and emitting red flashes". Two red objects dropped from the object and then the object vanished at speed.

1980's : Abduction of the law ?

If you hear from a friend 'I've been abducted by aliens, what would you think ? What would you therefore think if a policeman is abducted ? P.c. Alan Godfrey, whilst on duty on the 28th November 1980, in a lane in Todmorden, Yorkshire, would come face to face with reality. Whilst on patrol in his police car looking for some loose cows, he came across a UFO in the middle of the wet road. Across the width of the road, was a metallic, diamond-shaped 'thing'. The lower tier rotated slowly and the upper tier had a batch of 'panels' or 'windows'. The object was 20 ft high, and 14 ft wide. What with a period of 'Missing Time' and other 'anomalies' noted at the time (The road where the object had been hovering over was dry, but the road around this area was still



several miles away, also claimed they saw a UFO with loads of lights.

1990's : The Reports continue..

According to the Sunday people of 25th November 1990, there was a sighting by police of a strange object with blue and white lights, over Somerset. London air traffic control had a 'blip' on their radar at the same time.

Even the Police Staff College at Bramshill was visited by a UFO, witnessed by police as well as security guards. According to the Basingstoke Gazette of 18th November 1996, a security officer and police estates manager watched for 10 Mins at 9.30 p.m., a cigar-shaped object carrying lights that drifted across the sky. It was almost fish-shape, with lights on top covering a third of the object.

Finally, the Daily Star dated 26th December 1996 Along with other major/local papers) the following story :

Two startled cops chased a speeding UFO for more than 10 miles before loosing it over the North Sea.

At the same time, 2 other PC's

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Letter from Andy Thomas in answer to last months article by Graham Harrop.

'Wheatear', alias Graham Harrop, quotes me correctly in the last SUFOG newsletter when I stated on ITV's *The Magic & Mystery Show* that skeptics had no choice but to condemn as fake the controversial Oliver's Castle video of a crop formation appearing. Classifying a skeptic in the context of one who believes all crop circles are man-made, as I was in this case, I stand by this comment. Graham is free to disagree with me. -

However, to then draw from this the inference that I believe the video to be genuine is incorrect. Contrary to several mis-reportings of my views on this which I have read in some quarters, I remain open-minded as to its authenticity or otherwise and have NEVER stated a belief that it is genuine. Despite all the talk and second-hand rumor about confessions, wrong wind-directions, evidence of footage-tampering and the suchlike, there is, at the time of writing, no PROOF of anything, whatever is asserted in various publications. Indeed, unequivocal evidence for any of this has yet to be presented, despite many loud promises. If and when it is, I will be happy to consider it and write the whole thing off as being an elaborate hoax accordingly. Until such time, I continue to sit on the fence - as I always have done. If people think I'm foolish for doing so, then so be it. Incidentally, when ITV filmed the program very early in 1997, little of the current grounds

for debunking were then known.

Many try to paint me as some kind of fanatical fundamentalist believing all crop formations are genuine and never listening to reason. They should read me more carefully. Of course there are a number of man-made formations each year ; I've never denied it. I simply await convincing evidence - not talk and rumor - that the MAJORITY of circles are man-made, as Graham and others believe. This evidence has been a long time coming despite many opportunities for it to be presented. There's currently as much to suggest otherwise. But that's just what I believe. If others wish to disagree, fine. Even if I'm wrong, fine.

At the end of the day, the crop designs are beautiful and thought-provoking, speaking artistically to the heart and stimulating discussion in times of darkness and cynicism. For this, I am grateful, wherever they really come from.

Crop Circle Formations 95/96.

Compiled by 'The Cerealogist' editor John Sayer, these convenient and concise booklets are invaluable and at £4.50 per book, cheaper than a collection of expensive photographs.

Information such as dates, location and map references of the formations along with the type of crop they were found in and their dimensions are all contained within these little booklets.

They are also great for picking up and browsing through as I have done many times, some of

designs are even more striking when shown in simple black and white. A straight forward documentation that is extremely useful to anyone, like myself, who is studying this phenomena. A 1997 booklet will be available around Christmas time. UK price (per book) £4.50 including postage and packaging and any other country £5 per copy. Please state clearly the year(s) that you require and write to :

Mr. John Sayer,
Clements Farm,
Wheatley Lane,
Kingsley,
Bordon,
Hampshire.
GU35 9PA.

(Above item supplied by Mr. Graham Harrop).

In The Next Newsletter.
(Due out in December 97).

I will be reporting on the sightings reported to the group in July 1997 over the Southampton area, and I will be re-producing letters that I have received with regards to these sightings. One letter from Hampshire police that led to one of the sightings being solved, and the second letter, from the Ministry of Defense who sent me the standard 'type' of letter in reply to my enquiry. Since these sightings, we have had no further sightings to report, and it is all quiet on the Southern front (Well, in the Southampton and adjoining area that is). If you see any sightings/reports in the local press, then please drop a copy to the editor, so that I can follow the sighting up.

(Magazine reviews cont. from page 14)...
 sir, "contact" is a personal event, all we are IMPELLED to do is disseminate the knowledge, the information ! Which is WHY "progress takes so much time !" 'Beyond our comprehension' you quote.. not ALL of us ! 'invaded, assaulted, subverted and victimized? Not always ! "Educated", yes ! we don't even care if we "make money", Kevin, as you suggest some do... "money" becomes secondary, we get "enough", it is all part of the "awakening"! Those abduction experiences you say evidence shows is 'not physically real', what is "reality" ? Those Mexican videos, etc, 'most, if not all, faked or badly investigated' says Kevin... what, from some 600 camcorders, what a clever bunch ! If you wish to get your blood pressure up, or need a good, if cynical, laugh, or if you know things that Kevin obviously doesn't, or doesn't want to know in case it disturbs his well entrenched views, his vitriolic output.. I'm being kind ! his mag. costs just £5 for 5 issues, cheques etc, to 3 Claremont Grove, Leeds, LS3 1AX, made out to Kevin McClure... he fights shy of a bank account headed "Abduction Watch"!.

Phew ! I feel BETTER NOW !
 See you next issue. !

The Moonrakers Project.

The following article that first appeared on the Internet has been reprinted with permission of the author Graham Harrop.

I feel I must respond to the article which appeared in the July issue of *Alien Encounters* entitled "The

Great Crop Circle Paradox", written by Karen Douglas, in which she claims she took part in the making of a crop circle in the summer of 1995.

This formation, according to Karen, was constructed in order to see the response and recovery of a crop (wheat) after a circle had been placed on it. Along with Karen was Steve Alexander, the crop circle photographer, and two others (who, to save their embarrassment, I will not mention - suffice to say one of them has apologized and regrets his involvement in the "experiment").

This "experiment", now called "Project Maxim", (maxim : the succinct expression of a general truth) had to be conducted in secrecy, Karen tells us, so as not to cause bias in any of the research that was to follow. Although the location of the formation was supposed to be a secret, it now appears that a field at West Stowell was chosen. (The previous year the second "galaxy" formation was found in this field.) This "Project Maxim" hoax crop circle appeared on 20th. June 1995.

In the *Alien Encounters* article Karen claims their attempt had to appear as genuine as possible to as many researchers as possible so as to recreate the attention and subsequent damage a new crop circle receives from investigators, dowsers etc. From here they would "monitor" the recovery process of the crop. So how did they achieve their "genuine looking" crop circle ? Well, in a nutshell, they didn't - omitted from this account in *Alien Encounters* was an explanation that was in the May '96 edition of SC (editor, Andy

Thomas) of how they achieved their style of genuineness.

In it they claim they used the most simple and minimal equipment need to make a crop circle which, according to Karen, comprised a 100ft tape measure, one "stomper" and a pocket torch. (Yes, that's all, folks !) However, they soon ran into problems with this crop circle kit as the youngish wheat refused to go down. They then resorted to stamping on the crop ! Remember, this was supposed to appear genuine to circle investigators (this coming from individuals who, it is claimed in *Alien Encounters*, have been researching for 15 years).

It took an hour to make and the next day the team inspected the work and seemed surprised to find that 35% - 40% of the stems were broken at the base and that bruise-like marks were found on some stems. (What did they expect to find ?).

One early visitor to this "scientific study" was John Sayer, arriving while Francine Blake and others from BLT (Burke, Levengood, Talbot) were carrying out their survey / sampling procedure. John found obvious signs of human involvement for a formation that was still quite new (he was there on 21st, or 22nd. June) and even found a microphone stand that had been doctored apparently to be used as a device for marking out the formation. This was found near the perimeter of the outer ring. Curiously, the makers of this "experiment" have denied any knowledge of this item. The secrecy mentioned also shielded them, for a while at least, from the wrath of the

farmer - as the Maxim team as this 1995 one. who wasted time and money on never sought permission to I think there is a connection with this "project" and also to all crop make this circle on his land in the the West Stowell one and a circle believers everywhere. first place. (I have heard that communication was ongoing - it They have - in Karen's and Karen and Steve were caught in just wasn't of a very high order. I Steve's case - made money from South Field at Alton Barnes this will continue to search for a more this project, what with the photos year checking out a formation, earthly, shall we say, explanation and the *AE* article no doubt, and and Polly Carson evicted them). for this similarity in designs as I we in return, have been left with suspicion and mistrust and anger.

This now starts to get even am certain the 1995 Brockwood Park one was man-made. And anyone involved in this farce more out of hand. Also omitted Returning to the *Alien* is equally guilty in my opinion. from the *Alien Encounters* version *Encounters* account, Karen The only paradox I could see was a suggestion (?) made in SC Douglas says in the last paragraph was what did "Project Maxim"

of December 1995 about their creation at West Stowell : it seems that the "scientific evidence is being have to do with anything scientific that at Brockwood Park, near neglected in favor of preserving the at all ? And if I have offended anyone - so be it. Christ knows, Warnford, Hampshire, some 10 or mythological nature of crop they have offended my intelligence so miles from where Steve and circles", so I presume she sees enough. Karen live, a formation appeared nothing wrong in the selling of

around 23rd. July (my estimate) photographs taken by Steve of their *Antonio Gaudi* - "The creation 1995 which later gained three hoax attempt at conferences etc. continues incessantly through the additions to its shape and ended for a pound a shot, or in making a media of man. But man does not up looking similar to the west crop circle in an area that is create - he discovers. Those who Stowell hoax (sorry, steeped in mythology then keeping look for the laws of nature as a experiment). quiet about it. For that season at support for their new works

SC's Andy Thomas strongly least they perpetuated the myth collaborate with the creator. suggests in the issue that a they / she now denounce(s). Copiers do not collaborate.

communication was at work and I am not going to relate this Because of this, originality that he knew who made the project to any work done by the consists in returning to the West Stowell formation and that BLT team, unlike this article by origin".

"those responsible deny any Karen Douglas, as I see it as an insult to Levensgood's work. I can connection to the Brockwood Park formations", continuing, also see no reason why thus Maxim "seems the 'real' circle making team couldn't just pick a secluded force does reply to hoaxes after field away from the attention of all!" Um, yes. Okay, Andy, if this *serious* investigators and played to their hearts' content at being a what was the question "Project scientific study group, where they Maxim" asked ? could stomp and stamp till the cows come home! At best, this "complete

I visited the Brockwood Park formation on 25th. July 1995 and controlled formation" (as they was very unimpressed with what called this nonsense) was I found. (This was in its first irresponsible, naive and pointless. stage.) Coincidentally, Steve At worst, it was deceitful and himself informed me of its downright stupid coming from whereabouts on that 25th. July some who should know better. So morning and a few days later, I instead of all these pathetic excuses think it was, rang and told me of done up to sound like "scientific its first addition. The previous evidence" I think it is time some year Steve, myself and a friend members of this team started to visited another formation that apologize to the farmer in question, was on almost the exact same spot the investigators and the BLT team

In The News.

In the current issue of UFO Magazine, Nov/Dec 97, We read that George King, founder of The Aetherius Society passed away on the 12th July 97 in California.

A 70 year elderly retired army officer, whilst o/s his Ringwood (Hampshire) home, trying to identify a cluster of lights in the sky, was hit in the face, and struck his head on a wall, killing him. (Who said sky watching was not dangerous !).. Daily Telegraph Sept 97.

Crop Circles At "Cetatea Alba" -
Romania, July 1997.
Article supplied by Cristian
Muresanu, Cluj, Rumania.

The close investigations were made by the leading authority in the paranormal Mr. Adrian Patrut after receiving the photos taken by an eye-witness in the nearby village of Cetatea Alba in July 1997. No one had seen the moment of the apparition of the crop circle and no one could explain how it appeared. We do not have helicopter teams for aerial photography so the sketch was made after measurements on the ground.

Explanations :

The biggest circle had a diameter of 20 meters and the wheat has fallen in a clockwise direction. The medium sector, where the wheat is normally vertical is about 5.9 meters external raze and 2.6 meters the internal raze. A new portion completely fallen is represented by the smallest circle of 2.6 meters raze. Also there are two sectors crossing the internal circle to the external one where the wheat was fallen or fell in the direction indicated on the drawing sketch as you can see.

In the very center of the circle there is a small hole, conical in shape with a diameter of 10 cm and a depth of 15 cm.

Many thanks to Cristian for the above report and the sketch of the formation.

When Policemen see UFO's ..
Cont. from page 16...

Sgt Steve King, 28, and P.c. Andy Collier, 26, gave chase after spotting the string of white and blue and red lights racing across the night sky in North Norfolk but lost contact with the mystery craft near Holt when it accelerated over the sea.

Air traffic controllers at Norwich airport have now logged an official UFO sighting after checking there were no planes in the area.

Fakenham police station received nearly 30 calls from people saying they'd seen the UFO.

But a cop said : "Some said they'd seen a mother ship and little green men as well".

It is somewhat disturbing to me that when qualified observers, like police officers, pilots etc are not taken serious enough when they report such sightings. I once interviewed a police officer, who said that whilst he was on duty, he believed he encountered something 'Out of the Blue'. He was driving down a country lane, when all of a sudden everything went a blue color, as if night had been turned into day. He described the 'blue' color as the color of the light from a police cars blue light, but the police cars light was not on. The next thing he remembers, was that he was now some 30 yards or so down the road, but the police car was now on its roof. He crawled out, and looked down the country lane expecting to see something in the road that he had hit, but there was nothing there. As he was surveying the damage, he noticed that the roof of the car was crushed downwards, with no

damage at all to the body panels of the car. Also. all the glass was on the road around the car... It was as if something had picked up the car, carried it 30 yards or so, and dropped it upside down onto its roof. He realized that all the electric's were not working, even his radio (battery) was dead. When he eventually found a phone, HQ had been trying to raise him on the radio for nearly an hour.... yet his watch showed that it had stopped on 30 Mins earlier.. What happened to the 30 Mins of lost time..... SG Editor.....

In the next edition of the newsletter, I hope to look at sightings made by pilots who have had aerial encounters....

Next SUFOG group meeting..

Sunday 23rd November..
7.30 pm - 10.30 pm.
Woolston Community Center,
Church Road, Woolston.

A bit of thinking ahead here folks, but what follows are the dates for group meetings at the above venue :

Sunday 11th January 1998.
 Sunday 8th March 1998.
 Sunday 17th May 1998.
 Sunday 26 July 1998.
 Sunday 13th September 1998.
 Sunday 8th November 1998.

On the 19th April 1998 is the Dorchester UFO conference and I am considering a group booking for this very popular event. If you would like to go along, then please let me know, and if we get enough response, then I will look at planning a group mini-bus or coach depending on numbers.

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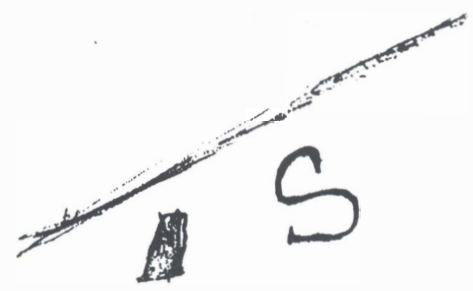
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BOOK REVIEW.

TITLE: Fifty Years Of UFOs. **AUTHORS:** John And Anne Spencer. **PUBLISHER:** Boxtree, Macmillan Publishers Ltd, 25 Eccleston Place, London, England, SW1W 9NF. **PRICE:** £18:99 (L/Hbk).



It's UFOlogy's anniversary year, and it couldn't pass without a plethora of UFO books being released. This is one of many, and comes from one of Britain's foremost researchers John Spencer. It's co-authored by his wife.

This book takes us through the postwar years from 1947 to present day and features all those cases that seasoned UFOlogists know well. Very little is left out, including the tales told by the infamous George Adamski who claims to have met tall beautiful Venusians in a desert near California back in 1952. We learn about the birth of modern UFOlogy, through the sighting of nine unusual objects sighted near Mount Rainier by one Kenneth Arnold (almost a household name now !!), Nazi technology and the implications that many UFOs seen were not extraterrestrial at all, but the result of secret German circular aircraft design, are also presented. Disinformation, the Government UFO cover up, UFO sightings by pilots, and ever so much more, are presented in an easy to read fashion.

What I also liked about this book, was the many photographs and illustrations that are peppered throughout. The painted artist's impressions were also nice to look at, (wouldn't mind some of them on my wall !). The book also goes into Crop Circles, Mysterious Triangular UFOs, and crashed saucer retrievals. Every case that I thought of, I could find here, and that's saying something. Roswell, Gulf Breeze, you name it, and I'm sure you'll find it in here. But are people getting tired of books like this ? can we continue to see books of this nature being released every few years ? I would have to say that one would be hard pushed to find a better book of this nature. John and Anne have hit the nail on the head, and presented what to this reviewer, is an excellent study work of this whole mysterious UFO business. I don't think we can ever tire of books of this nature.

This is not a slap-dash attempt to capitalize on an UFOlogical anniversary, there is a lot of thought and effort which has gone into this book, and it shines through. UFOlogy is slowly being recognised for the honest subject that it is, and books of this nature highlight how very serious this subject should be taken. A good book then by two of Britain's most respected authors.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson,
Strange Phenomena Investigations, (Scotland).